

REMARKS

Claims 2-14 are pending in the present application. Applicants submit all changes to the patent being reissued pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.173(b) and (d). The amendments do not add new matter, and are supported throughout the specification and figures. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the reissue oath/declaration filed with the application as not including the statement required under 37 CFR § 1.175(a)(1). Applicants submit that the declaration filed April 17, 2001 contained the proper statement, namely “Failed to Provide Generic Claim in Original Patent”. Additionally, Applicants submit that any deficiency in this statement was corrected in the oath/declaration filed with the Amendment dated October 20, 2005. The Office Action also objects to the supplemental reissue declaration as being illegible and unreadable. Applicants submit that it is not necessary to submit a new reissue oath/declaration regarding the amendments to the claims presented after the filing of the reissue application according to 37 CFR 1.175(b), and Applicants may therefore instead wait until a Notice of Allowance. However, in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants are preparing a newly executed reissue declaration and will submit it shortly.

The Examiner objects to claims 8 and 11 for apparent informalities. Applicants amend claims 8 and 11 as suggested by the Examiner, and therefore it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered.

Claims 1, 47, and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 5,423,085 to Lim (hereinafter Lim) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,535,252 to Kobayashi (hereinafter Kobayashi). Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of these claims obviates this rejection.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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